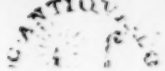




Hon by the prouidence of God Bishop of London.

To all Parsons, Vicars, Curates and Churchwardens within the Cittie of London, and the Countiees of Middlesex and Essex, Greeting. Whereas this bearer Thomas Butler of the towne of Colchester, within the Countie of Essex aforesaid Gunpowdermaker, being at worke for the making of Gunpowder in the Countie of Kent, about five yeres now past, by sudden misfortune was pittifully burnt and spoiled of his Eyes and Armes apparant yet to behold, then losing all that he had, and since brought greatly indebted, and where also the Byaliffes of the said towne of Colchester tenderly respecting his wofull and diseased estate, directed their certificate to the right honorable the Lord Chaunceloz of England, thereby beseeching his Lordship to graunt vnto him his Maiesties license vnder the greate Seale of England, to aske the charitie of well disposed people in seuerall Countiees, to which the Lord Chaunceloz of his wonted clemencie graunted, but now the saide Thomas Butler by reason of extreme pouertie, is farre vnablc to compass the chardge of getting out the saide Seale. Therefore these are to request you, and euery one of you, to whome these presentes shall come, that you reade and publish this in your Churches, and other places of assemblies, moouing the people to extend their beneuolence and charitie vpon this poore man, that he may the better be able to obtaine his sayd request. And this present writing to continue for the space of one whole yere next ensuing after the date hereof. In witnesse whereof: I haue set to my hand and Seale the xv. of September, in the xxviii. yere of her Maiesties most gracious reigne that now is,



God saue the Queene.